



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD  
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[ 49 CFR Part 174 ]

[Docket No. HM-66; Notice No. 70-22]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS

Location of Placard Holders on Tank  
Cars

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering amending § 174.549 to remove the requirement for location of side placards near the center of tank cars.

This proposal is based in part upon a petition of the Bureau of Explosives (AAR) to relocate side placards toward the right end of tank cars, preferably near to and below the AAR and DOT markings. The need for relocation is based on changes in tank car design, and the difficulties associated with placing placards at a center location.

The Board believes that both locations have merit and does not desire to unnecessarily restrict placard placement. Therefore, it would no longer be necessary to specify a particular location for a placard on the side of a car. Location would simply be as required in § 174.549(a).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend 49 CFR 174.549 as follows:

In § 174.549, paragraph (d) would be canceled as follows:

§ 174.549 Application of placards.

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(d) [Canceled]

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Interested persons are invited to give their views on this proposal. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulation Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received on or before February 9, 1971, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, and section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657).

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